



the law

If you have questions about false identification, please contact the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Bureau of Law Enforcement, (804) 213-4565.

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**The Truth about Using False
Identification to Buy Alcohol**

IDs

Virginia laying down the law

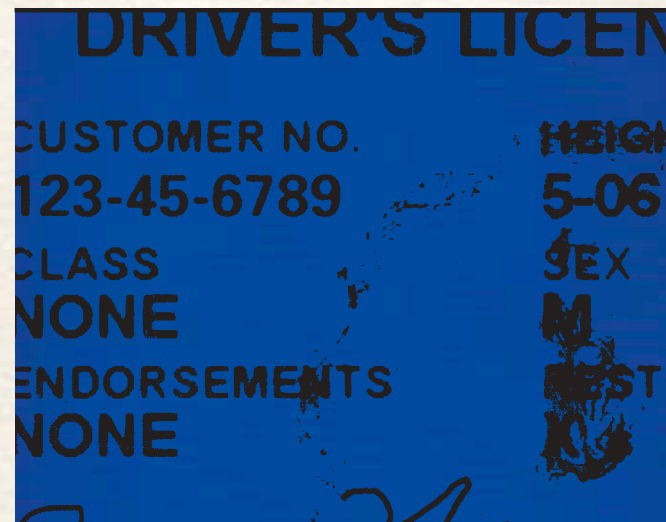
All states and the District of Columbia now have laws stating age 21 is the minimum age to purchase or drink alcohol. Virginia's Zero Tolerance law makes driving under the influence of any amount of alcohol a serious criminal offense for drivers under age 21.

Help promote Virginia's Zero Tolerance policy for underage consumption and possession. Report ABC violations anonymously at www.abc.virginia.gov or call (800) 552-3200.

zero tolerance

It may seem fun to have a fake ID until you get caught with it. Severe penalties apply to the possession, manufacture, use or sale of an altered/false driver's license and military or university identification. You could pay a fine and/or go to jail.

It is also illegal to loan your driver's license or identification card to another person. In fact, there are more serious consequences for loaning your license or identification card to someone else.



Fraudulent use of a driver's license, identification card or other identification materials:

- It is illegal to use another's identification as one's own.
- It is illegal to possess or sell an ID for the purpose of establishing false identification.
- Persons who possess, use or distribute fake IDs are charged with a Class 1 misdemeanor. Code of Virginia 18.2-204.1

Underage purchase or possession of alcoholic beverages:

- It is illegal for anyone under 21 to possess any alcoholic beverage.
- No one under 21 may use an altered or fake ID such as a driver's license, birth certificate or student identification card to establish a false identification or false age to purchase an alcoholic beverage.
- Violators of this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, can lose their driver's license for up to one year and face a minimum fine of \$500 or a mandatory minimum of 50 hours of community service and a maximum sentence of up to one year in jail and/or a \$2,500 fine. Code of Virginia 4.1-305

If you are carrying a fake ID or have someone else's identification and are involved in an accident, your medical attention could be delayed. In case of death or serious injury, the police could notify the wrong family because they don't know your true identity.

A conviction of possessing, manufacturing, using or selling fake IDs may appear on your permanent criminal record. A police record can limit you in job hunting or impact your admission to college or graduate school.

State lawmakers have made the penalties harsher for underage individuals using false identification. Young adults (ages 18–20) who use a fake ID to buy, possess or drink alcohol can lose their driver's license for up to a year, be fined up to \$2,500 and face up to 12 months in jail.

DRIVER'S LICENSE

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Turning 21 doesn't happen fast enough for some people. For those who can't wait to be of legal age, using false identification is the forbidden fruit—tempting, but illegal.

Fraudulent identifications seized during just one month by ABC special agents at popular night spots in Richmond